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GUATEMALA PLEASE PASS AID/ROCAP

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ENRG, PN, GT
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE OIL PIPELINE ACROSS GUATEMALA

REF: A) PANAMA 1021; B) GUATEMALA MEMCON 12/13/76

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: LOCAL PRESS APRIL 4 FRONT-PAGED REPORT
FROM DPA (DEUTSCHE PRESS AGENCY), WASHDC, ENTITLED "GUATEMALAN
PIPELINE PLANNED TO DIVERT ALASKA OIL FROM PC." MIAMI HERALD
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OF SAME DATE ALSO REPORTED FROM UPI THAT "OIL PIPELINE MAPPED
FOR GUATEMALA." INFORMATION SOURCE FOR BOTH DPA AND UPI
IS THE SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER.

2. THE GIST OF THE ABOVE PRESS REPORT IS THAT A CONSORTIUM,
ORGANIZED BY GUATEMALAN FERNANDO GALLO AND COMPOSED
OF THYSSSEN-RHEINSTAHL (W. GERMAN), MORRISON-KNUDSEN

AND FRENCH PIPELINE FACTORY, ENTERPOSE, PLAN A \$600 MILLION-OIL PIPELINE. REPORTEDLY, CONSORTIUM IN PROCESS OF DRAFTING FINAL CONTRACT. PANAMANIAN PRESS GOES ON TO REPORT THAT PIPELINE WILL ENABLE VESSELS TRANSPORTING ALASKA SURPLUS CRUDE FOR U.S./MEXICAN GULF AND U.S. EAST COAST TO SIDESTEP PANAMA CANAL BY USING NEW TRANSHIPMENT FACILITIES ON GUATEMALA'S PACIFIC COAST AND PUMPED TO THE CARIBBEAN COAST. PANAMANIAN PRESS ALSO RELAYING SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER REPORT THAT SUBJECT PIPELINE WOULD BE LESS COSTLY FOR VESSELS NOW USING PANAMA CANAL. MIAMI HERALD ALSO REPORTS TRANSHIPMENT INDONESIAN CRUDE, BUT MAKES NO RPT NO MENTION OF SIDESTEPPING PANAMA CANAL, I.E., NORTHVILLE' SOIL TRANSHIPMENT VENTURE WITH GOP (REF A). END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. ACCORDING TO GUATEMALA'S REPORT (REF B), SUBJECT PROJECT HAD A "50"50 CHANCE" IN 1976. EMBASSY BELIEVES CHANCES ARE EVEN LESS AT THIS STAGE, CONSIDERING SOHIO'S PARTICIPATION IN THE \$45-MILLION GOP/NORTHVILLE OIL TRANSHIPMENT VENTURE WHICH IS UNDERWAY. THE SUBJECT 227-MILE PIPELINE THROUGH GUATEMALAN JUNGLE COULD ALSO BE SUBJECT TO SABOTAGE, NOT TO MENTION ITS EXPENSIVENESS. FYI: FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION REFERS TO SUBJECT AS "CENTRAL AMERICAN PIPELINE" IN ITS REPORT OF 11/30/76, PAGE 16.

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4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING GUATEMALA'S VIEWS ON PRESENT STATUS OF SUBJECT PROJECT.
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